



Chelan County Pavement Preservation FAQs

Public Works has planned the next years of the Chelan County Pavement Preservation Program. At times work may be occurring in your area. Provided below are some frequently asked questions regarding roadway preservation. Further questions? Call (509) 667.6415.

Why this road?

Roads throughout the County are reviewed & given a priority rating. This allows Public Works to determine when to rehabilitate a road at the time of least life-cycle cost.

Why not in front of my house?

Not all surfaces can be rehabilitated with simple routine maintenance or chip-sealing & require more costly fixes. Those fixes may require securing additional funds & more thorough engineering. The road in front of your home may also rate in good enough condition that work is not necessary at this time or may be planned for the future.

What is the process?

Chip-sealing is a four-step process which begins with crack-seal work, then pre-level, fog-seal, then finally chip-seal. To allow each process to cure and for efficiency, each step is completed throughout the county prior to the next step. This means it is likely you will see crews in front of your home more than once during the construction season.

Why chip seal and not paving?

Chip-seal work can be done for a fraction of the cost of overlay or rebuild work, allowing the County to repair more road miles for the same budget.

Why can't you do this at night?

Chip-seal is a visual application, requiring close attendance to see that there is proper application of material. Further, many times the work will occur in residential areas where night work would be a disruption.

Why is the speed limit changed?

Speed limits are reduced for the safety of the work crew on-site and the traveling public. Many times excess speed can be related to "fly rock" which causes dings and chipped windows to the car traveling in the opposite direction.